

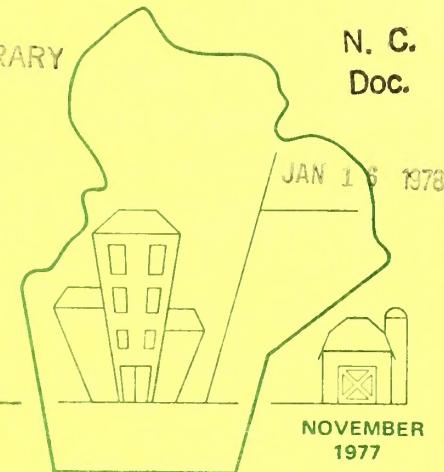
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1976 Permanent Resident Population
(Including the 1976 Population Living in Areas Annexed Through July 1, 1977)

This report presents estimates of the 1976 permanent resident population of North Carolina, each of its 100 counties, and incorporated places, along with tables indicating growth rates, components of change, and rankings of the largest and fastest growing municipalities.

The municipal and county estimates were prepared in fulfillment of the requirements of North Carolina General Statute 105-472, which states in part, "The Director of the Department of Administration shall annually cause to be prepared and shall certify to the Secretary of Revenue such reasonably accurate population estimates of all counties and municipalities in the State as may be practicably developed," and North Carolina General Statute 136-41.1 (as amended by the 1975 General Assembly) which states in part, "This annual estimate of population shall include increases in the population within municipalities caused by annexations accomplished through July 1 of the calendar year in which these funds are distributed."

The county and state estimates were developed as a cooperative effort between the U. S. Bureau of the Census and the Demographic Research Group, N. C. Division of State Budget and Management. These are published separately, along with a brief description of methodology, in Current Population Reports P-26, No. 16-33, issued August 1977 by the Bureau of the Census. The county and state estimates for 1976 are provisional and will be revised in 1978 when more complete data are available.

Municipal estimates were developed within the State Budget office with data input and/or technical assistance from the U. S. Bureau of the Census, the Public Health Statistics Branch of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, the office of the Secretary of State of North Carolina, and the various municipalities of North Carolina.

Initial estimates were updates of the 1970 population base and were developed by procedures uniformly standardized for data input and methodology. Five methods were used to produce separate estimates of the 1976 population of municipalities and a mean of these numbers was used as the initial estimate for each municipality. Initial estimates were submitted to the municipalities for review and comment. For those few cases in which initial estimates were significantly different from those developed by local officials and in which additional accurate local data sources (such as a local census or housing count) were available to substantiate the difference, new estimates were computed utilizing these additional sources.

For any study of recent population trends for a particular municipality, it is strongly recommended that only the most recent estimate be compared with the 1970 census as an indication of change. Any one in possession of municipal population estimates for 1972-1976 should realize that the methodology for estimating population has been subject to improvements and changes from year to year and fluctuations in population for a city between estimate years might well be due to techniques of estimation. However, relative changes between any two cities are meaningful since the same methodology is applied to each city each year.

METHODOLOGY FOR MUNICIPAL POPULATION ESTIMATION

Five methods are utilized to independently estimate the population of municipalities in North Carolina. These methods are based on varying assumptions about trends in population growth and on alternative data series. The five procedures are described as follows:

METHOD I. PARTITIONED CHANGE

This method assumes that areas more recently incorporated into the city limits of a municipality may grow at different rates from the core city which was in existence in 1960. The growth of these areas is dependent upon the trend in the proportion of population in each area to the county total as reflected in prior censuses and recently reported annexations.

The existing municipality is partitioned into three geographical areas:

- (1) The 60-city or area enclosed by the 1960 corporate limits,
- (2) Any area annexed between 1960 and 1970,
- (3) Any area annexed between April 1, 1970 and July 1, 1977.

Each area is assumed to grow exponentially at a different rate. The rationale for three different growth rates is based upon the assumption that an absolute decline in the population of any annexed area is unlikely; annexation typically encompasses a growing region. Each of the three growth rates is calculated on an annual basis and applied for the appropriate length of time to reach a July 1, 1976 date. For example, the time of growth from April 1, 1970 to July 1, 1976 is 6.25 years.

(1) Growth of the 60-City

For municipalities smaller than 50,000, the fraction of the county population living in the 60-city in 1976 is determined by the 6.25-year growth of that fraction of the county population living in the 60-city in 1970, the annual rate of growth being that of the 1960-70 decade. This 1976 estimate for the 60-city's share of the 1976 county population is multiplied by the 1976 county estimate to determine a 60-city estimate for 1976.

For municipalities larger than 50,000, the 1976 population of the 60-city is determined by the 6.25-year growth of the 60-city from 1970 to 1976, the annual growth rate being that of the 1960-70 decade.

(2) Growth of Areas Annexed Between 1960 and 1970

The rate of growth assumed for that part of the city annexed between 1960 and 1970 depends on the value of the percentage change in county population between 1960 and 1970 and the percentage change in the non-municipal part of the county for the same decade. Thus, if the "county balance" has a negative growth rate, it is disregarded and in its place is substituted the overall county growth rate, provided that rate is positive. If the county growth rate is also negative, then no change is made in the population of the area annexed between 1960 and 1970, indicating no growth yet no decline.

(3) Growth of Areas Annexed Between April 1, 1970 and July 1, 1977

The population in areas annexed from April 1, 1970 through July 1, 1977 is estimated from yearly survey forms returned by the municipalities to this office and from data reported by the U. S. Bureau of the Census. These estimates, which are made for varying points in time, are adjusted to a July 1, 1976 date using the same growth rates as in the two cases above. (If the Bureau of the Census has made available an updated 1970 count of the entire city, including later annexed areas, that actual count of the annexed area as it existed in 1970 is used.)

Yearly annexations are allowed to grow to July 1, 1976 at the same rate as determined in part (2). Annexations in 1977 are extrapolated backward to the 1976 date.

The resulting estimates of the three separate areas of Method I are added together to yield an estimate of the 1976 population of the entire municipality.

METHOD II. CHANGING PROPORTIONS

This method assumes that the growth rate of the city is uniform and is based on the trend between 1960 and 1970 in the proportion of population in the city to the county population.

The proportion of the city to county population is calculated for 1960 and 1970 and an annual rate of change of that proportion is determined. The resulting annual rate of change is applied for 6.25 years to the 1970 proportion to yield a 1976 ratio of city to county population, which is then multiplied by the 1976 county estimate. Recently annexed population is added, resulting in a 1976 city estimate.

Note: If there have been no annexations since 1970, Method II yields the same result as Method I, in which case the resulting estimate is used only once in the final averaging procedure.

METHOD III. CONSTANT PROPORTION

This method assumes that the proportion of the population of the city to the county is the same as it was in 1970 except for any reported annexations since that date, which are accounted for separately.

A 1976 estimate is derived under the assumption that the city's proportion of the 1976 estimated county population is the same as the city's proportion of the 1970 county population. To this number is added any population annexed since 1970 or since the date of a later Census Bureau determination of annexed population.

METHOD IV. COMPONENTS OF CHANGE (IRS)

This procedure referred to as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) method, utilizes a very useful source of data which is otherwise unavailable: the Federal Revenue Sharing estimates for 1975 which are updated one year for growth and adjusted for recent annexations to obtain another 1976 municipal population estimate.

In producing population estimates for Federal Revenue Sharing, the Census Bureau obtained estimates of births, deaths, and migration (the three components of population change) for the period 1970 to 1975. The migration component was estimated from a match of individual Federal Income Tax returns for two years, which indicated a move when different addresses were shown for the two years. Estimated births and deaths and changes in institutional or military population within the corporate limits, together with the estimate of migration, determined a municipal population estimate for 1975 which is the current basis for Federal Revenue Sharing. A more complete explanation of this methodology and the city estimates are published by the Bureau of the Census in Current Population Reports, P-25, No. 681.

METHOD V. UPDATE OF 1975 ESTIMATES

This method assumes that last year's population estimate was reliable and extrapolates that estimate one year to reflect growth. Any newly annexed population is added.

For Cities with Annexations since 1970 Totalling Less Than 40% of the 1970 Population:

Using the 1970 and estimated 1975 municipal populations, an annual growth rate is determined and applied and recent annexations included to yield a 1976 estimate.

For Cities with Annexations since 1970 Totalling 40% or More of the 1970 Population:

The assumption is made that the city in 1976 comprises the same fraction of the county population as estimated in 1975 and any additional annexed areas are added.

These five methods are then averaged to yield the initial 1976 population estimate. Because Method II does not take explicit account of all annexations, it is dropped from the average if the total annexed population between 1970 and 1975 is greater than 5% of the 1970 population.

Finally, if a city has had a recent special census, that information is also utilized and the estimate adjusted accordingly, depending upon the proximity of the census date to the estimate date.

TABLE I
POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR NORTH CAROLINA
MUNICIPALITIES AND PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES FOR COUNTIES

1976 Permanent Resident Population
(Including the 1976 Population Living in Areas Annexed Through July 1, 1977)

	1976 ESTIMATES	1970 CENSUS	% CHANGE		1976 ESTIMATES	1970 CENSUS	% CHANGE
NORTH CAROLINA	5,469,000	5,084,411	7.6	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	33,500	24,223	38.3
ALAMANCE COUNTY	99,000	96,502	2.6	Belville	70	*	*
Burlington	38,200	35,930	6.3	Boiling Spring Lakes	910	245	271.4
Elon College	2,530	2,150	17.7	Bolivia	240	185	29.7
Gibsonville (Part)	800	842	- 5.0	Calabash	240	154	55.8
Graham	8,870	8,172	8.5	Caswell Beach	60	28	114.3
Haw River	2,120	1,944	9.1	Holden Beach	190	136	39.7
Mebane (Part)	3,000	2,387	25.7	Long Beach	1,740	493	252.9
ALEXANDER COUNTY	21,800	19,466	12.0	Navassa	410	*	*
Taylorsville	1,360	1,231	10.5	Ocean Isle Beach	290	78	271.8
ALLEGHANY COUNTY	8,900	8,134	9.4	Shady Forest	30	17	76.5
Sparta	1,580	1,304	21.2	Shallotte	850	597	42.4
ANSON COUNTY	23,800	23,488	1.3	Southport	3,330	2,220	50.0
Ansonville	780	694	12.4	Sunset Beach	170	108	57.4
Lilesville	660	641	3.0	Yaupon Beach	690	334	106.6
McFarlan	140	140	0.0	BUNCOMBE COUNTY	151,300	145,056	4.3
Morven	620	562	10.3	Asheville	61,200	57,929	5.6
Peachland	550	556	- 1.1	Biltmore Forest	1,410	1,298	8.6
Polkton	1,020	845	20.7	Black Mountain	4,050	3,204	26.4
South Wadesboro	100	109	- 8.3	Jupiter	220	208	5.8
Wadesboro	4,260	3,977	7.1	Montreat	700	581	20.5
ASHE COUNTY	20,100	19,571	2.7	Weaverville	1,430	1,280	11.7
Jefferson	990	943	5.0	Woodfin	3,100	2,831	9.5
Lansing	300	283	6.0	BURKE COUNTY	64,900	60,364	7.5
West Jefferson	910	889	2.4	Drexel	1,620	1,431	13.2
AVERY COUNTY	14,100	12,655	11.4	Glen Alpine	850	797	6.6
Banner Elk	1,000	754	32.6	Hickory (Part)	120	110	9.1
Crossnore	290	264	9.8	Hildebran	610	521	17.1
Elk Park	560	503	11.3	Long View (Part)	300	269	11.5
Newland	770	524	46.9	Morganton	15,670	13,625	15.0
BEAUFORT COUNTY	38,800	35,980	7.8	Rhodhiss (Part)	320	312	2.6
Aurora	720	620	16.1	Rutherford College	1,320	*	*
Bath	230	231	.4	Valdese	3,310	3,182	4.0
Belhaven	2,310	2,259	2.3	CABARRUS COUNTY	77,700	74,629	4.1
Chocowinity	600	566	6.0	Concord	18,770	18,464	1.7
Pantego	220	218	.9	Harrisburg	1,400	1,098	27.5
Washington	9,090	8,961	1.4	Mount Pleasant	1,260	1,174	7.3
Washington Park	540	517	4.4	CALDWELL COUNTY	60,400	56,699	6.5
BERTIE COUNTY	21,000	20,528	2.3	Blowing Rock (Part)	30	24	25.0
Askevville	270	247	9.3	Granite Falls	2,370	2,388	.8
Aulander	1,140	947	20.4	Hudson	3,780	2,820	34.0
Colerain	400	373	7.2	Lenoir	16,330	14,705	11.1
Kelford	270	295	- 8.5	Rhodhiss (Part)	460	472	- 2.5
Lewiston	440	327	34.6	CAMDEN COUNTY	5,700	5,453	4.5
Powellsiville	260	247	5.3	CARTERET COUNTY	36,400	31,603	15.2
Roxobel	370	347	6.6	Atlantic	960	*	*
Windsor	2,320	2,199	5.5	Atlantic Beach	660	300	120.0
Woodville	250	253	- 1.2	Beaufort	3,830	3,368	13.7
BLADEN COUNTY	28,800	26,477	8.8	Cape Carteret	1,260	616	104.5
Bladenboro	2,260	783	188.6	Emerald Isle	330	122	170.5
Clarkton	740	662	11.8	Indian Beach	280	245	14.3
Dublin	320	283	13.1	Morehead City	5,650	5,233	8.0
East Arcadia	590	556	6.1	Newport	2,290	1,735	32.0
Elizabethtown	1,530	1,418	7.9	Pine Knoll Shores	770	62	1141.9
Tar Heel	100	87	14.9	CASWELL COUNTY	19,800	19,055	3.9
White Lake	290	232	25.0	Milton	250	235	6.4
CATAWBA COUNTY	98,300	90,873	8.2	CATAWBA COUNTY	8,410	7,857	7.0
Brookford	640	590	8.5	Catawba	590	565	4.4
Clarendon	850	788	7.9	Claremont	3,950	3,355	17.7
Conover	22,240	20,459	8.7	Hickory (Part)	3,130	3,091	1.3
Long View (Part)	2,730	2,416	13.0	Maiden	2,730	2,416	13.0
Newton	8,410	7,857	7.0	Newton	*	*	*

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CHATHAM COUNTY	30,100	29,554	1.8	DUPLIN COUNTY	39,600	38,015	4.2
Goldston	360	364	-1.1	Beulaville	1,260	1,156	9.0
Haywood	770	*	*	Calypso	450	462	2.6
Pittsboro	1,510	1,447	4.4	Faison	610	598	2.0
Siler City	4,910	4,689	4.7	Greenevers	430	424	1.4
CHEROKEE COUNTY	17,700	16,330	8.4	Harrells (Part)	10	6	66.7
Andrews	1,500	1,384	8.4	Kenansville	820	762	7.6
Murphy	2,140	2,082	2.8	Magnolia	680	614	10.7
CHOWAN COUNTY	11,500	10,764	6.8	Mount Olive (Part)	50	42	19.0
Edenton	5,450	4,956	10.0	Rose Hill	1,750	1,448	20.9
CLAY COUNTY	5,500	5,180	6.2	Teachey	250	219	14.2
Hayesville	470	428	9.8	Wallace	3,190	2,905	9.8
CLEVELAND COUNTY	78,400	72,556	8.1	Warsaw	3,080	2,701	14.0
Boiling Springs	2,880	2,284	26.1	DURHAM COUNTY	142,000	132,681	7.0
Casar	380	339	12.1	Chapel Hill (Part)	10	4	150.0
Earl	220	195	12.8	Durham	105,770	95,438	10.8
Fallston	380	301	26.2	EDGECOMBE COUNTY	54,800	52,341	4.7
Grover	590	555	6.3	Battleboro (Part)	310	277	11.9
Kings Mountain (Part)	8,680	8,323	4.3	Coakley	30	*	*
Lattimore	260	257	1.2	Conetoe	170	160	6.3
Lawndale	530	544	-2.6	Lawrence	30	*	*
Patterson Springs	630	478	31.8	Leggett	170	120	41.7
Polkville	530	494	7.3	Macclesfield	620	536	15.7
Shelby	16,450	16,328	.7	Mildred	80	*	*
Waco	280	245	14.3	Old Sparta	70	*	*
COLUMBUS COUNTY	51,600	46,937	9.9	Pinetops	1,470	1,379	6.6
Bolton	570	534	6.7	Princeville	1,660	654	153.8
Brunswick	230	206	11.7	Rocky Mount (Part)	16,440	15,252	7.8
Cerro Gordo	360	322	11.8	Sharpsburg (Part)	50	46	8.7
Chadbourn	2,360	2,213	6.6	Speed	160	142	12.7
Fair Bluff	1,150	1,039	10.7	Tarboro	10,170	9,425	7.9
Lake Waccamaw	1,050	924	13.6	Whitakers (Part)	490	479	2.3
Tabor City	3,100	2,400	29.2	FORSYTH COUNTY	227,000	215,118	5.5
Whiteville	5,780	4,195	37.8	Kernersville	6,510	4,815	35.2
CRAVEN COUNTY	68,500	62,554	9.5	Rural Hall	1,660	1,289	28.8
Bridgeton	530	520	1.9	Winston-Salem	144,310	133,683	7.9
Cove City	520	485	7.2	FRANKLIN COUNTY	27,800	26,820	3.7
Dover	640	585	9.4	Bunn	390	284	37.3
Havelock	4,060	3,012	34.8	Centerville	130	123	5.7
New Bern	16,560	14,660	13.0	Franklin	1,520	1,459	4.2
Trent Woods	1,060	719	47.4	Louisburg	3,130	2,941	6.4
Vanceboro	820	758	8.2	Youngsville	590	555	6.3
CUMBERLAND COUNTY	229,500	212,042	8.2	GASTON COUNTY	154,700	148,415	4.2
Falcon	390	357	9.2	Belmont	5,360	5,054	6.1
Fayetteville	63,500	53,510	18.7	Bessemer City	5,400	4,991	8.2
Godwin	130	129	.8	Cherryville	5,620	5,258	6.9
Hope Mills	3,260	1,866	74.7	Cramerton	1,950	2,142	-9.0
Linden	250	205	22.0	Dallas	4,360	4,059	7.4
Spring Lake	6,590	3,968	66.1	Dellview	10	11	-9.1
Stedman	590	505	16.8	Gastonia	50,480	47,142	7.1
Wade	380	315	20.6	High Shoals (Part)	600	545	10.1
CURRITUCK COUNTY	10,300	6,976	47.6	Kings Mountain (Part)	170	142	19.7
DARE COUNTY	9,600	6,995	37.2	Lowell	3,660	3,307	10.7
Kill Devil Hills	510	357	42.9	McAdenville	1,120	950	17.9
Manteo	730	547	33.5	Mount Holly	5,440	5,107	6.5
Nags Head	570	414	37.7	Ranlo	2,130	2,092	1.8
DAVIDSON COUNTY	101,000	95,627	5.6	Spencer Mountain	300	300	.0
Denton	1,140	1,017	12.1	Stanley	2,690	2,336	15.2
High Point (Part)	760	0	*	GATES COUNTY	8,300	8,524	-2.6
Lexington	17,840	17,205	3.7	Gatesville	380	338	12.4
Thomasville	15,150	15,230	-5	GRAHAM COUNTY	6,500	6,562	-.9
DAVIE COUNTY	21,300	18,855	13.0	Robbinsville	1,130	777	45.4
Mocksville	2,940	2,529	16.3	GRANVILLE COUNTY	32,500	32,762	-.8
				Creedmoor	1,600	1,405	13.9
				Oxford	7,260	7,178	1.1
				Stem	250	242	3.3
				Stovall	420	405	3.7
				GREENE COUNTY	14,900	14,967	-.4
				Hookerton	460	441	4.3
				Jason	70	*	*
				Maury	500	421	18.8
				Snow Hill	1,310	1,359	-3.6
				Walstonburg	190	176	8.0

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GUILFORD COUNTY	302,900	288,645	4.9	LENOIR COUNTY	60,100	55,204	B.9
Gibsonville (Part)	1,630	1,177	38.5	Graingers	170	*	*
Greensboro	156,360	144,076	B.5	Grifton (Part)	340	312	9.0
High Point (Part)	64,930	63,209	2.7	Kinston	26,540	23,020	15.3
Jamestown	2,300	1,297	77.3	La Grange	3,110	2,679	16.1
HALIFAX COUNTY	55,000	54,354	1.2	Pink Hill	570	522	9.2
Enfield	3,430	3,272	4.8	LINCOLN COUNTY	37,100	32,682	13.5
Halifax	330	335	1.5	High Shoals (Part)	20	18	11.1
Hobgood	530	530	.0	Lincolnton	5,880	5,293	11.1
Littleton	890	903	1.4	MCDOWELL COUNTY	33,700	30,648	10.0
Roanoke Rapids	14,440	13,508	6.9	Marion	3,680	3,335	10.3
Scotland Neck	2,890	2,869	.7	Old Fort	690	676	2.1
Weldon	2,340	2,304	1.6	MACON COUNTY	18,000	15,788	14.0
HARNETT COUNTY	53,700	49,667	B.1	Franklin	2,700	2,336	15.6
Angier	1,660	1,431	16.0	Highlands	650	583	11.5
Coats	1,410	1,051	34.2	MADISON COUNTY	16,900	16,003	5.6
Dunn	9,250	8,302	11.4	Hot Springs	640	653	-2.0
Erwin	2,930	2,852	2.7	Mars Hill	1,880	1,623	15.8
Lillington	1,230	1,155	6.5	Marshall	1,070	982	9.0
HAYWOOD COUNTY	43,900	41,710	5.3	MARTIN COUNTY	25,200	24,730	1.9
Canton	5,190	5,158	.6	Beargrass	100	99	1.0
Clyde	1,000	814	22.9	Everetts	190	198	-4.0
Hazelwood	2,200	2,057	7.0	Gold Point	120	108	11.1
Maggie Valley	360	159	126.4	Hamilton	620	579	7.1
Waynesville	7,130	6,488	9.9	Hassell	170	160	6.3
HENDERSON COUNTY	49,500	42,804	15.6	Jamesville	610	533	14.4
Hendersonville	7,470	6,443	15.9	Oak City	560	559	.2
Laurel Park	700	581	20.5	Parmele	390	373	4.6
HERTFORD COUNTY	24,200	24,439	-1.0	Robersonville	2,050	1,910	7.3
Ahoskie	5,240	5,105	2.6	Williamston	6,610	6,570	.6
Cofield	310	318	-2.5	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	377,000	354,656	6.3
Como	210	211	-.5	Charlotte	296,780	241,299	23.0
Harrellsville	160	165	-3.0	Cornelius	1,290	1,296	-.5
Murfreesboro	4,940	4,418	11.8	Davidson	3,260	2,931	11.2
Winton	950	917	3.6	Huntersville	1,720	1,538	11.B
HOKE COUNTY	18,300	16,436	11.3	Matthews	1,370	783	75.0
Dundarrach	50	53	-5.7	Mint Hill	4,100	2,262	B1.3
Raeford	3,200	3,180	.6	Pineville	2,080	1,948	6.B
HYDE COUNTY	5,600	5,571	.5	MITCHELL COUNTY	13,900	13,447	3.4
IREDELL COUNTY	76,900	72,197	6.5	Bakersville	440	409	7.6
Harmony	400	377	6.1	Spruce Pine	2,430	2,333	4.2
Love Valley	50	40	25.0	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	19,400	19,267	.7
Mooresville	9,330	8,808	5.9	Biscoe	1,290	1,244	3.7
Statesville	22,010	20,007	10.0	Candor	570	561	1.6
Troutman	1,330	797	66.9	Mount Gilead	1,290	1,286	.3
JACKSON COUNTY	24,500	21,593	13.5	Star	930	892	4.3
Cashiers	230	230	.0	Troy	2,900	2,429	19.4
Dillsboro	200	215	7.0	MOORE COUNTY	42,400	39,048	8.6
Sylva	1,610	1,561	3.1	Aberdeen	2,250	1,592	41.3
Webster	190	181	5.0	Cameron	210	204	2.9
JOHNSTON COUNTY	65,600	61,737	6.3	Carthage	1,090	1,034	5.4
Benson	2,720	2,267	20.0	Foxfire Village	50	9	455.6
Clayton	4,020	3,103	29.6	Jackson Springs	260	*	*
Four Oaks	1,140	1,057	7.9	Pinebluff	740	570	29.8
Kenly	1,510	1,370	10.2	Pinehurst	1,110	1,056	5.1
Micro	580	300	93.3	Robbins	1,040	1,059	-1.8
Pine Level	1,090	983	10.9	Southern Pines	7,960	5,937	34.1
Princeton	1,160	1,044	11.1	Vass	990	885	11.9
Selma	4,830	4,356	10.9	Whispering Pines	820	362	126.5
Smithfield	7,400	6,677	10.8	NASH COUNTY	65,600	59,122	11.0
JONES COUNTY	9,600	9,779	1.8	Bailey	780	724	7.7
Maysville	940	912	3.1	Battleboro (Part)	370	285	29.8
Pollocksville	460	456	.9	Castalia	290	265	9.4
Trenton	560	539	3.9	Dortches	650	*	*
LEE COUNTY	33,200	30,467	9.0	Middlesex	850	729	16.6
Broadway	900	694	29.7	Nashville	1,990	1,670	19.2
Sanford	15,540	11,716	32.6	Red Oak	410	359	14.2
				Rocky Mount (Part)	23,040	19,032	21.1
				Sharpsburg (Part)	680	447	52.1
				Spring Hope	1,500	1,334	12.4
				Whitakers (Part)	490	447	9.6

	1976 ESTIMATES	1970 CENSUS	% CHANGE		1976 ESTIMATES	1970 CENSUS	% CHANGE
NEW HANOVER COUNTY	96,100	82,996	15.8	RANDOLPH COUNTY	82,600	76,358	8.2
Carolina Beach	2,140	1,663	28.7	Archdale	5,950	4,874	22.1
Kure Beach	450	394	14.2	Asheboro	16,830	10,797	55.9
Wilmington	52,390	46,169	13.5	Franklinville	840	794	5.8
Wrightsville Beach	2,580	1,701	51.7	High Point (Part)	10	20	- 50.0
NORTHHAMPTON COUNTY	22,900	23,099	- .9	Liberty	2,460	2,167	13.5
Conway	720	694	3.7	Rameur	1,380	1,328	3.9
Garysburg	1,510	231	553.7	Randleman	2,620	2,312	13.3
Gaston	1,110	1,105	.5	Seagrove	360	354	1.7
Jackson	810	762	6.3	Staley	240	239	.4
Lasker	100	114	- 12.3	RICHMOND COUNTY	41,600	39,889	4.3
Rich Square	1,330	1,254	6.1	Ellerbe	960	913	5.1
Seaboard	620	611	1.5	Hamlet	4,970	4,627	7.4
Severn	370	356	3.9	Hoffman	460	434	6.0
Woodland	870	744	16.9	Norman	180	157	14.6
ONSLOW COUNTY	106,100	103,126	2.9	Rockingham	7,530	5,852	28.7
Chadwick Acres	10	12	- 16.7	ROBESON COUNTY	93,400	84,842	10.1
Holly Ridge	650	415	56.6	Fairmont	3,290	2,827	16.4
Jacksonville	19,280	16,289	18.4	Lumber Bridge	140	117	19.7
Richlands	910	935	- 2.7	Lumberton	19,520	16,961	15.1
Swansboro	1,250	1,207	3.6	McDonald	90	80	12.5
ORANGE COUNTY	68,500	57,567	19.0	Marietta	60	70	- 14.3
Carrboro	9,050	5,058	78.9	Maxton	2,100	1,885	11.4
Chapel Hill (Part)	34,210	26,195	30.6	Orrum	180	162	11.1
Hillsborough	2,990	1,444	107.1	Parkton	580	550	3.6
Mebane (Part)	300	186	61.3	Pembroke	2,740	1,982	38.2
PAMLICO COUNTY	9,500	9,467	.3	Proctorville	210	157	33.8
Alliance	600	577	4.0	Raynham	100	75	33.3
Arapahoe	480	212	126.4	Red Springs	3,920	3,383	15.9
Bayboro	840	665	26.3	Rennert	270	175	54.3
Hollyville	70	*	*	Rowland	1,470	1,358	8.2
Mesic	380	369	3.0	St. Pauls	2,140	2,011	6.4
Minnesott Beach	180	41	339.0	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	77,300	72,402	6.8
Oriental	430	445	- 3.4	Eden	16,570	15,871	4.4
Stonewall	370	335	10.4	Madison	2,910	2,018	44.2
Vandemere	450	379	18.7	Mayodan	3,020	2,875	5.0
PASQUOTANK COUNTY	28,400	26,824	5.9	Reidsville	13,770	13,636	1.0
Elizabeth City	14,750	14,381	2.6	Stoneville	1,120	1,030	8.7
PENDER COUNTY	21,200	18,149	16.8	ROWAN COUNTY	91,500	90,035	1.6
Atkinson	360	325	10.8	China Grove	2,080	1,788	16.3
Burgaw	2,010	1,744	15.3	Cleveland	610	614	- .7
Surf City	210	166	26.5	East Spencer	2,390	2,217	7.8
Topsail Beach	130	108	20.4	Faith	500	506	- 1.2
Watha	200	181	10.5	Granite Quarry	1,440	1,344	7.1
PERQUIMANS COUNTY	8,700	8,351	4.2	Landis	2,440	2,297	6.2
Hertford	2,010	2,023	- .6	Rockwell	1,190	999	19.1
Winfall	580	581	- .2	Salisbury	25,030	22,515	11.2
PERSON COUNTY	26,800	25,914	3.4	Spencer	3,160	3,075	2.8
Roxboro	7,970	5,370	48.4	RUTHERFORD COUNTY	50,700	47,337	7.1
PITT COUNTY	79,500	73,900	7.6	Alexander Mills	1,060	988	7.3
Ayden	3,880	3,450	12.5	Bostic	350	289	21.1
Bethel	1,850	1,514	22.2	Ellenboro	560	465	20.4
Falkland	130	130	.0	Forest City	7,510	7,179	4.6
Farmville	5,150	4,424	16.4	Lake Lure	580	456	27.2
Fountain	450	434	3.7	Ruth	350	360	- 2.8
Greenville	33,740	29,063	16.1	Rutherfordton	3,340	3,245	2.9
Grifton (Part)	2,220	1,548	43.4	Spindale	4,770	3,848	24.0
Grimesland	420	394	6.6	SAMPSON COUNTY	47,900	44,954	6.6
Simpson	540	383	41.0	Autryville	240	213	12.7
Winterville	2,120	1,437	47.5	Clinton	8,570	7,157	19.7
POLK COUNTY	12,400	11,735	5.7	Garland	720	656	9.8
Columbus	810	731	10.8	Harrells (Part)	260	243	7.0
Saluda	570	546	4.4	Newton Grove	620	546	13.6
Tryon	2,020	1,951	3.5	Roseboro	1,330	1,235	7.7
				Salemburg	850	669	27.1
				Turkey	500	329	52.0
				SCOTLAND COUNTY	29,300	26,929	8.8
				East Laurinburg	460	487	- 5.5
				Gibson	520	502	3.6
				Laurinburg	13,180	8,859	48.8
				Wagram	810	718	12.8

	1976 ESTIMATES	1970 CENSUS	% CHANGE		1976 ESTIMATES	1970 CENSUS	% CHANGE
STANLY COUNTY	44,800	42,822	4.6	WARREN COUNTY	16,200	15,340	5.6
Albemarle	10,950	11,126	- 1.6	Macon	200	179	11.7
Locust	1,570	1,484	5.8	Norlina	1,130	969	16.6
New London	300	285	5.3	Warrenton	1,140	1,035	10.1
Norwood	1,900	1,896	.2	WASHINGTON COUNTY	14,900	14,038	6.1
Oakboro	570	568	.4	Creswell	440	633	- 30.5
Richfield	320	306	4.6	Plymouth	4,910	4,774	2.8
Stanfield	460	458	.4	Roper	740	649	14.0
STOKES COUNTY	28,600	23,782	20.3	WATAUGA COUNTY	28,500	23,404	21.8
Danbury	140	152	- 7.9	Blowing Rock (Part)	940	777	21.0
Germanton	200	*	*	Boone	12,660	8,754	44.6
Walnut Cove	1,410	1,213	16.2				
SURRY COUNTY	55,000	51,415	7.0	WAYNE COUNTY	90,100	85,408	5.5
Dobson	1,070	933	14.7	Dudley	220	199	10.6
Elkin (Part)	3,030	2,899	4.5	Eureka	310	263	17.9
Mount Airy	8,120	7,325	10.9	Fremont	1,590	1,596	- .4
Pilot Mountain	1,390	1,309	6.2	Goldsboro	36,740	26,960	36.3
SWAIN COUNTY	10,300	8,835	16.6	Mount Olive (Part)	4,990	4,872	2.4
Bryson City	1,530	1,290	18.6	Pikeville	630	580	8.6
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	21,200	19,713	7.5	Seven Springs	200	188	6.4
Brevard	5,860	5,243	11.8	Walnut Creek	250	81	208.6
Rosman	670	407	64.6				
TYRRELL COUNTY	3,800	3,806	- .2	WILKES COUNTY	54,000	49,524	9.0
Columbia	910	902	.9	Elkin (Part)	20	0	*
UNION COUNTY	63,000	54,714	15.1	North Wilkesboro	3,500	3,357	4.3
Indian Trail	730	405	80.2	Ronda	470	465	1.1
Marshville	1,760	1,405	25.3	Wilkesboro	2,800	2,038	37.4
Monroe	13,690	11,282	21.3	WILSON COUNTY	59,800	57,486	4.0
Stallings	1,600	726	120.4	Black Creek	530	449	18.0
Unionville	160	*	*	Elm City	1,500	1,201	24.9
Waxhaw	1,700	1,248	36.2	Lucama	760	610	24.6
Wingate	3,210	2,569	25.0	Saratoga	430	391	10.0
VANCE COUNTY	33,800	32,691	3.4	Sharpsburg (Part)	340	296	14.9
Henderson	14,280	13,896	2.8	Sims	210	205	2.4
Kittrell	620	427	45.2	Stantonsburg	900	869	3.6
Middleburg	170	149	14.1	Wilson	32,730	29,347	11.5
WAKE COUNTY	269,500	229,006	17.7				
Apex	3,130	2,234	40.1	YADKIN COUNTY	27,100	24,599	10.2
Cary	17,560	7,686	128.5	Arlington	810	711	13.9
Fuquay-Varina	3,760	3,576	5.1	Brownsville	780	687	13.5
Garner	10,080	4,923	104.8	East Bend	540	485	11.3
Holly Springs	780	697	11.9	Jonesville	1,710	1,659	3.1
Knightdale	980	815	20.2	Yadkinville	2,600	2,232	16.5
Morrisville	290	209	38.8				
Raleigh	148,450	122,830	20.9	YANCEY COUNTY	14,500	12,629	14.8
Rolesville	650	533	22.0	Burnsville	1,520	1,348	12.8
Wake Forest	3,440	3,148	9.3				
Wendell	2,230	1,929	15.6				
Zebulon	2,140	1,839	16.4				

*Information not available or not applicable.

MULTI-COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

Multi-County Municipalities	1976 Estimates	1970 Census	% Change
Battleboro	680	562	21.0
Blowing Rock	970	784	23.7
Chapel Hill	34,220	26,199	30.6
Elkin	3,050	2,899	5.2
Gibsonville	2,430	2,019	20.4
Grifton	2,560	1,860	37.6
Harrells	270	243	11.1
Hickory	22,360	20,569	8.7
High Point	65,700	63,229	3.9
High Shoals	620	563	10.1
Kings Mountain	8,850	8,465	4.5
Long View	3,430	3,360	2.1
Mebane	3,300	2,573	28.3
Mount Olive	5,040	4,914	2.6
Rhodhiss	780	784	.5
Rocky Mount	39,480	34,284	15.2
Sharpsburg	1,070	789	35.6
Whitakers	980	926	5.8

TABLE II
TWENTY-FIVE LARGEST MUNICIPALITIES

ACCORDING TO 1976 ESTIMATES		ACCORDING TO 1970 CENSUS	
Charlotte	296,780	Charlotte	241,299
Greensboro	156,360	Greensboro	144,076
Raleigh	148,450	Winston-Salem	133,683
Winston-Salem	144,310	Raleigh	122,830
Durham	105,770	Durham	95,438
High Point	65,700	High Point	63,229
Fayetteville	63,500	Asheville	57,929
Asheville	61,200	Fayetteville	53,510
Wilmington	52,390	Gastonia	47,142
Gastonia	50,480	Wilmington	46,169
Rocky Mount	39,480	Burlington	35,930
Burlington	38,200	Rocky Mount	34,284
Goldsboro	36,740	Wilson	29,347
Chapel Hill	34,220	Greenville	29,063
Greenville	33,740	Goldsboro	26,960
Wilson	32,730	Chapel Hill	26,199
Kinston	26,540	Kinston	23,020
Salisbury	25,030	Salisbury	22,515
Hickory	22,360	Hickory	20,569
Statesville	22,010	Statesville	20,007
Lumberton	19,520	Concord	18,464
Jacksonville	19,280	Lexington	17,205
Concord	18,770	Lumberton	16,961
Lexington	17,840	Shelby	16,328
Cary	17,560	Jacksonville	16,289

TABLE III
FASTEAST GROWING MUNICIPALITIES BY SIZE OF POPULATION, 1970-1976

POPULATION OVER 10,000 (CATEGORY INCLUDES 43 MUNICIPALITIES)			POPULATION 2,500 TO 10,000 (CATEGORY INCLUDES 95 MUNICIPALITIES)		
MUNICIPALITY	COUNTY	% CHANGE	MUNICIPALITY	COUNTY	% CHANGE
Cary	Wake	128.5	Hillsborough	Orange	107.1
Garner	Wake	104.8	Mint Hill	Mecklenburg	81.3
Asheboro	Randolph	55.9	Carrboro	Orange	78.9
Laurinburg	Scotland	48.8	Hope Mills	Cumberland	74.7
Boone	Watauga	44.6	Spring Lake	Cumberland	66.1
Goldsboro	Wayne	36.3	Wrightsville Beach	New Hanover	51.7
Sanford	Lee	32.6	Southport	Brunswick	50.0
Chapel Hill	Orange, Durham	30.6	Roxboro	Person	48.4
Charlotte	Mecklenburg	23.0	Madison	Rockingham	44.2
Monroe	Union	21.3	Apex	Wake	40.1

POPULATION 1,000 TO 2,500
(CATEGORY INCLUDES 111 MUNICIPALITIES)

POPULATION UNDER 1,000
(CATEGORY INCLUDES 251 MUNICIPALITIES)

MUNICIPALITY	COUNTY	% CHANGE	MUNICIPALITY	COUNTY	% CHANGE
Garysburg	Northampton	553.7	Pine Knoll Shores	Carteret	1141.9
Long Beach	Brunswick	252.9	Foxfire Village	Moore	455.6
Bladenboro	Bladen	188.6	Minnesota Beach	Pamlico	339.0
Princeville	Edgecombe	153.8	Ocean Isle Beach	Brunswick	271.8
Stallings	Union	120.4	Boiling Spring Lakes	Brunswick	271.4
Cape Carteret	Carteret	104.5	Walnut Creek	Wayne	208.6
Jamestown	Guilford	77.3	Emerald Isle	Carteret	170.5
Matthews	Mecklenburg	75.0	Whispering Pines	Moore	126.5
Troutman	Iredell	66.9	Maggie Valley	Haywood	126.4
Winterville	Pitt	47.5	Arapahoe	Pamlico	126.4

NOTE: 1976 values include growth through annexations.

TABLE IV

COMPONENTS OF CHANGE, 1960 to 1970 and 1970 to 1976
 (All Rates are Expressed as Percentages)

COUNTY	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE		AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE NATURAL INCREASE		AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE NET MIGRATION	
	60 - 70	70 - 76	60 - 70	70 - 76	60 - 70	70 - 76
Alamance	1.26%	.42%	1.31%	.56%	-.05%	-.14%
Alexander	2.46	1.89	1.20	.95	1.26	.93
Alleghany	.52	1.47	.63	.23	-.11	1.24
Anson	-.59	.24	1.00	.65	-1.59	-.41
Ashe	-.10	.47	.89	.41	-.98	.06
Avery	.54	1.86	1.06	.64	-.52	1.23
Beaufort	-.01	1.26	.86	.54	-.87	.72
Bertie	-1.57	.35	.95	.36	-2.52	-.01
Bladen	-.83	1.42	.97	.66	-1.80	.76
Brunswick	1.94	6.12	1.24	1.31	.71	4.81
Buncombe	1.15	.69	.90	.35	.25	.34
Burke	1.45	1.21	1.24	.85	.21	.36
Cabarrus	.95	.66	1.11	.64	-.16	.02
Caldwell	1.44	1.04	1.65	1.03	-.20	.01
Camden	-.26	.65	.92	.39	-1.18	.26
Carteret	1.52	2.41	1.17	.85	.35	1.56
Caswell	-.43	.60	.98	.60	-1.41	-.01
Catawba	2.42	1.32	1.48	.94	.93	.38
Chatham	1.03	.32	.96	.48	.08	-.16
Cherokee	.00	1.31	.79	.57	-.79	.74
Chowan	-.82	1.07	.92	.50	-1.74	.57
Clay	-.63	1.12	.57	.39	-1.19	.73
Cleveland	.98	1.29	1.35	.88	-.36	.41
Columbus	-.42	1.58	1.21	.76	-1.63	.82
Craven	.64	1.52	2.07	1.58	-1.42	-.06
Cumberland	4.29	1.32	2.85	1.85	1.43	-.53
Currituck	.57	7.64	.38	.39	.18	7.25
Dare	1.79	6.04	.76	.39	1.02	5.65
Davidson	2.03	.90	1.38	.81	.65	.08
Davie	1.27	2.07	1.08	.79	.20	1.28
Duplin	-.56	.67	1.08	.69	-1.64	-.02
Durham	1.85	1.13	1.18	.67	.67	.46
Edgecombe	-.35	.75	1.24	.70	-1.59	.05
Forsyth	1.36	.88	1.26	.66	.10	.23
Franklin	-.67	.59	.87	.32	-1.54	.27
Gaston	1.68	.68	1.45	.97	.23	-.29
Gates	-.79	.38	.75	.21	-1.54	-.59
Graham	.20	-.05	1.28	.69	-1.08	-.75
Granville	-.10	-.11	1.02	.49	-1.12	-.59
Greene	-1.06	-.09	1.17	.55	-2.23	-.64
Guilford	1.71	.79	1.37	.70	.34	.09
Halifax	-.78	.20	1.24	.71	-2.02	-.51
Harnett	.30	1.28	1.10	.88	-.80	.41
Haywood	.50	.82	1.10	.51	-.60	.31
Henderson	1.84	2.49	.89	.41	.95	2.08
Hertford	.76	-.18	1.18	.58	-.42	-.76
Hoke	.05	1.77	1.42	1.38	-1.38	.39
Hyde	-.34	.02	.42	.20	-.76	-.18
Iredell	1.55	1.05	1.26	.67	.28	.38
Jackson	2.14	2.14	.88	.55	1.27	1.59

COUNTY	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE		AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE NATURAL INCREASE		AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE NET MIGRATION	
	60 - 70	70 - 76	60 - 70	70 - 76	60 - 70	70 - 76
Johnston	-.19%	.99%	.83%	.52%	-1.02%	.47%
Jones	-1.11	.34	1.01	.59	-2.13	-.93
Lee	1.47	1.42	1.42	.78	.05	.64
Lenoir	-.01	1.41	1.21	.82	-1.22	.58
Lincoln	1.34	2.14	1.18	.86	.17	1.28
McDowell	1.46	1.59	1.17	.87	.29	.72
Macon	.57	2.28	.59	.21	-.02	2.07
Madison	-.70	.92	.61	.21	-1.32	.72
Martin	-.89	.32	1.10	.66	-1.99	-.34
Mecklenburg	3.03	1.01	1.61	.93	1.42	.08
Mitchell	-.33	.58	.78	.33	-1.11	.25
Montgomery	.47	.12	1.04	.64	-.57	-.52
Moore	.63	1.38	1.16	.56	-.53	.82
Nash	-.31	1.76	1.08	.70	-1.39	1.06
New Hanover	1.57	2.53	1.03	.83	.54	1.71
Northampton	-1.38	-.15	.99	.43	-2.37	-.58
Onslow	1.96	.46	2.94	2.21	-.98	-1.75
Orange	3.40	3.03	1.66	.87	1.74	2.16
Pamlico	-.39	.00	.72	.36	-1.11	-.35
Pasquotank	.47	.92	1.11	.49	-.64	.43
Pender	-.19	2.71	.84	.61	-1.04	2.10
Perquimans	-.90	.63	.61	.14	-1.51	.49
Person	-.18	.52	1.19	.73	-1.38	-.21
Pitt	.57	1.22	1.20	.77	-.64	.45
Polk	.30	.94	.55	-.04	-.26	.98
Randolph	2.42	1.31	1.31	.76	1.11	.55
Richmond	.18	.68	1.06	.72	-.88	-.04
Robeson	-.48	1.61	1.60	1.42	-2.08	.20
Rockingham	.40	1.08	1.16	.67	-.76	.41
Rowan	.87	.26	.90	.49	-.03	-.23
Rutherford	.50	1.15	.98	.63	-.49	.52
Sampson	-.64	1.04	.91	.60	-1.55	.45
Scotland	.69	1.42	1.32	1.24	-.63	.18
Stanly	.48	.74	.96	.54	-.48	.21
Stokes	.66	3.24	1.12	.88	-.46	2.36
Surry	.67	1.12	1.18	.71	-.51	.41
Swain	.53	2.72	1.22	.75	-.69	1.97
Transylvania	2.04	1.18	1.36	.73	.68	.45
Tyrrell	-1.58	.05	.47	.06	-2.05	.00
Union	2.25	2.42	1.40	1.04	.85	1.38
Vance	.22	.55	1.22	.72	-1.01	-.17
Wake	3.54	2.83	1.52	.88	2.02	1.95
Warren	-2.19	.88	.68	.18	-2.87	.71
Washington	.41	.93	1.35	.79	-.94	.14
Watauga	3.35	3.52	1.12	.69	2.24	2.83
Wayne	.41	.89	1.58	1.11	-1.17	-.22
Wilkes	.94	1.43	1.18	.83	-.24	.61
Wilson	.04	.63	1.17	.62	-1.21	.01
Yadkin	.79	1.61	1.04	.61	-.25	1.01
Yancey	-.98	2.32	.85	.51	-1.83	1.82
North Carolina	1.16	1.21	1.31	.82	-.15	.39

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